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PROGRAMME

1988

Wed. 28 September 2-15 pm

Trinidad & Tobago
by Mr. D. Druett

British Guiana
by Mr. D. Nathan

Venue: Floral Room 'A' STAMPEX

Wed. 26 October 6-00 pm

Barbados
by Mr. S.J. Quinn

Venue: British Philatelic Trust Rooms
107 Charterhouse Street
London EC1M 6PT
(near to Farringdon or Barbican
Underground Stations)

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Wed. 1 March 2-15 pm

The Developing Air Routes
across the Caribbean
by Mr. K. Goldsmith of the British
AeroPhilatelic Federation

Jamaica
by Mr. D.G. Pollard

Venue: Floral Room A STAMPEX

Sat. 22 April 2-15 pm

AGM & Auction

Venue: The Margaret Room
The Bonnington Hotel
Southampton Row
London WC1

DISPLAY

Seven members attended at the Law Society on Thursday January 28th, 1988, when Derek Sutcliffe gave a display of the Military Mail of Jamaica.

The display commenced with a set of orders to Captain Derby dated 1801, followed by a Soldiers letter at the 1d concessional rate dated 24/2/1891, from a member of The West India (Submarine Mining) Company, Royal Engineers. The next cover was from a P.O.W. on board a captured ship at Port Royal, dated the 14/9/1914, the Senior Officer at Port Royal using his handstamp as a censorship marking, a one off situation. Other naval items comprised 1st World War censorship handstamps, Naval Intelligence handstamps, Fleet Mail Office and Naval Control markings, and an example of the "Examined for Flag Officer in Charge, Liverpool" resealing label on Jamaican mail, together with markings of the Commander in Chief, "A & W.I. Station".

The next was a range of the P.O.W. covers used at Up Park Camp during both World Wars, and examples of the various postal stationery used at the Camp during the latter war. This was followed by regimental unit handstamps of Regiments serving in Jamaica and examples of the military censorship markings used.

Handstamps of supporting units such as Signals, Medical, General Staff Office, Paymaster, Provost Marshall, Engineers etc from 1918 onwards were covered in some detail, with examples of Free Mail from the Governor's Office and registered Military mail. An example of the R.A.F. Depot, Palisadoes was also shown, R.A.F. markings from Jamaica being somewhat scarce.

The Section on the Canadian Army showed censorship hand-stamps of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, examples of the various "Y" Force markings and the "316" and "352" censorship handstamps. Canadian Legion, C.F.P.O. daters used in Jamaica in 1967, and a censorship handstamp of the Canadian Navy.

Examples of handstamps and daters used at Gibraltar Camp, (the Camp which housed the evacuees from "The Rock") were in the next Section, and the Post Office daters used at Garrison Post Office, Up Park Camp. The following Section showed unit handstamps of the West India Regiment in 1919, a Camp Post Office dater and examples of the handstamps of the Jamaica Regiment and the Jamaica Defence Force.

The Patriotic Section showed Patriotic Boer War covers used in Jamaica, a display of the "Red Cross" labels of Jamaica, ship visit covers between the wars, "Bull Dog.", St. Dunstan", "Fellowship of the Bellows" and "British Community War Fund" labels. Patriotic covers produced by Barrington Smith, including a war time economy air mail form, were also shown. The Section concluded with an American type of Patriotic card used in Jamaica and examples of the Jamaica "Liquidation of Empire" labels produced by Germany.

In the final part Postal Censorship handstamps were shown, together with fiscal Control labels and a range of the various re-sealing labels used by the Postal Censorship Service, these included different types of the “Cayman Island” label, which were first used in Jamaica between the 2nd to 6th of September, 1939, before being sent to the Caymans after the receipt of larger format labels.

After question time, thanks were expressed by David Atkinson, another Jamaican Military Mail enthusiast, and the President.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!

In case you overlooked the last AGM Proceedings, you are reminded that SUBSCRIPTIONS (DUES) are increased from 1st January 1989 to £6.00 for members who reside in the U.K. and in Europe, and to £8.00 (US$14.50) for all other members.

Members who have previously paid their Subscriptions (Dues) by Bankers Standing Order should complete a NEW ORDER and a form is enclosed with this issue. Please send it direct to your bank and NOT to the Circle to ensure continued Membership.

PLEASE NOTE ...

Because of excessive charges (£3.00 just to return a cleared cheque!!) our Midland Bank accounts have been closed and current Standing Orders will not in future be acceptable by the Bank for our credit. Thus it is doubly important that those of you who already use this easy payment method should complete a new Standing Order.

Why not do it **NOW!**

Please do not leave it until later! Your money will remain in your account until January so you really have nothing at all to lose!

Members living in Europe are reminded that by a simple Transfer payment to our GIROBANK Account (No. 47 523 3905) it can save substantial costs of exchange!

Members resident in North America and the Caribbean can still pay in US funds direct to Mark W SWETLAND.

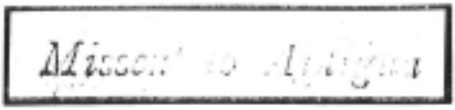
The five year membership option (at the new rates of course!) remains open for the forthcoming year.

THANK YOU

NOTES AND QUERIES

ANTIGUA

Missent Handstamp



A recent acquisition enables me to report an 1898 (Au 3) cover franked Tobago QV 2½d ultramarine with repaired "slash" flaw (Sg.16ca) to Austria with italic "Missent to Antigua" h/stamp (49 x 5mm) struck in violet. Can any member confirm possession or sighting of either the Antigua handstamp or the repaired Tobago flaw on another cover?

Michael Hamilton

BRITISH GUIANA

Accountancy Mark.

When British Guiana joined the U.P.U. on 1st April 1877, letter rate to member countries became the standard 4d. or 8 cents. At this time the British Accountancy marks became a thing of the past, or so we are led to believe.

I have a cover addressed to Paris, prepaid 8 cents and cancelled in Georgetown AU 23 1884. The only transit marks are the T.P.O. Calais a Paris 13 SE 84 and arrival at Paris Monceaux also 13 SE 84. There are no G.B. marks. However there is a large red crayon 3 on the face of the envelope, indicating that British Guiana kept 1d. of the postage and that the other 3d. went to the transporting office. I should welcome observations from members on what seems to me an interesting piece.

Derek Nathan

BERMUDA

Modern Postal Markings
(continued from Bulletin 136 March 1988 p10)

Mangrove Bay Post Office

The address of this office is Mangrove Bay Post Office, Mangrove Bay 9 - 11, Somerset. In 1975 the office was open between 8 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday. The office was in charge of Mrs. Janice H. Dill. Post Office Boxes were available. Mail was collected twice daily, was sorted at the office and delivered from the office.

Postal markings

Handstamps (circular date stamps). Unfortunately no examples were provided for illustration. However the post mistress did indicate that two handstamps did indicate that two handstamps were in use.

Machine cancellations. None available at this office.

Registered mail. Numbered sticky labels are used.

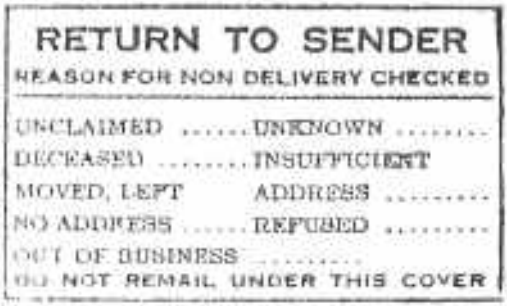
Miscellaneous marks. Boxed in red ink.

1. Return to Sender, reason for non delivery checked. In a box 65mm x 38mm. A line appears across the box and below are listed the reasons - Unclaimed, Deceased, Moved Left, No Address, Out of Business, Unknown, Insufficient Address and Refused. Do Not Remail Under This Cover.

2. Forwarding Address and three lines in a box 74.5mm x 43mm.

3. Notice 1st, 2nd, Final and Return To Sender in a box 31mm x 31.5mm.

4. Returned For More Postage in a box 39mm x 22mm. A small box appears in this marking with space for the sum owing to be written in manuscript.



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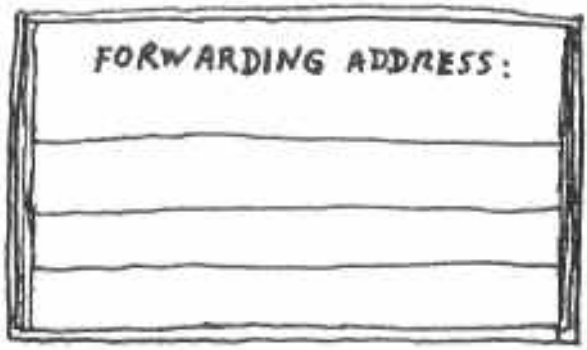

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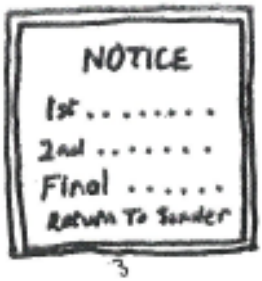
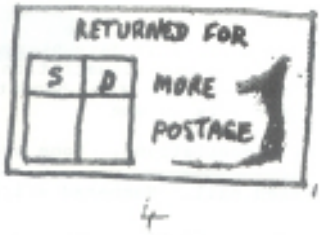
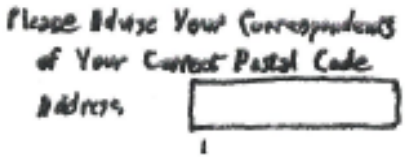




Miscellaneous Marks with serifed capitals in red ink.

1. Please Advise Your Correspondents of Your Correct Postal Code Address. This mark has a small box for the manuscript addition of the post code.



Miscellaneous marks with sans serif capitals in red ink.

1. Mangrove Bay
2. Mangrove Bay 9
3. Postmaster Mangrove Bay P.O. (in two lines).
4. All Notices Ignored (in two lines).
5. Not known.
6. Air Mail Parcel Post.
7. Air Mail.
8. Air Mail (Tall narrow letters).
9. A. O. (in large letters)

to be continued Ian Chard

CAYMAN ISLANDS

<u>The later Manuscript Provisional period</u>

The reduction in internal postal rates in early 1908 and subsequent issue of ¼d postage stamp on June 30th 1908 resulted in a final period of manuscript franking mainly due to the inadequate number of stamps issued in 1st printing - 72,000.

Despite the refusal by postal authorities to supply the orders of overseas dealers and to initially sanction the use of this stamp on overseas mail; the considerable local philatelic use and the use of this value on foreign mail in August 1908, due to the stock of ½d value being exhausted resulted in a similar fate afflicting the ¼d value by August 29th 1908.

fig 1

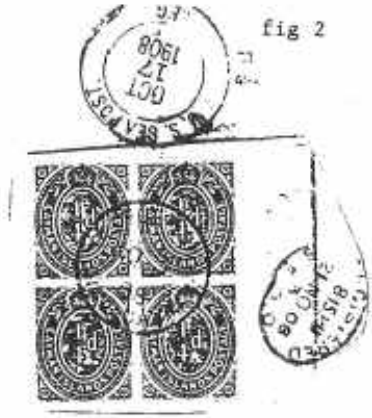


fig 2

The two items shown relate to the end of this period. The ¼d postcard with additional 1d adhesive (fig 1) should have had 3 x ¼d adhesives added to make the 1d foreign postcard rate. The ¼d stamp and postcard being allowed for foreign mail by this time. The unavailability of ¼d stamps resulted in the overfranking. It is of interest this item took from Oct. 20th to Nov. 2nd to arrive at Kingston, Jamaica.

The block of four ¼d (fig 2), dated Nov. 3rd is of the 2nd printing issued that day and bringing the period of manuscript franking to an end. It was part of a mail consignment which received Kingston, Jamaica transit date stamp of Nov. 5th. showing the wide variation in time that mail may wait at Georgetown for further onward transmission.

During this period Oct. 4th to Nov. 2nd are found the relevant manuscript frankings MP2, MP3, MP4, and MP5.

Further questions remain.

1. How was internal mail dealt with between the reduction in postal rates in March 1908 and the introduction of d stamp and postal stationery card in late June?

2. When was the ¼d first used on foreign mail? I have examples dated August 19th and 29th.

3. How was internal mail dealt with in September 1908 after ¼d and ½d were exhausted before the manuscript provisionals in October?

4. Does anyone have examples of ¼d used during the manuscript franking period?

Kevin Darcy

JAMAICA

VERE/JA Handstamp

The Postal History of Jamaica by Thomas Foster records the Type T3 VERE/JA handstamp as size 15 X 11mm. A unique example, struck in black, is noted for 23 May 1838 and the same handstamp, but with albino impression, is described as VR2+ with one example cited with the same 23 May 1838 Date. In a Sissons of Canada auction (14 Dec 82) a black strike stated to measure 12 x 10mm (obviously incorrect) on 28 Feb 1808 EL to Yorkshire was illustrated, and Harmers of London (19 May 82) were able to photograph a similar EL to Yorkshire dated Dec 19 1815, also struck in black, but without measurements. I can further report, from possession, a deeply impressed albino strike measuring 21 x 11mm on 25 Feb 1838 EL to Stirling. N.B. Perhaps one of our Jamaica specialists would enlighten myself, and other members, to the various sizes and bands of use of this rather obscure marking.

Michael Hamilton

Type D A01 Obliterator

I have just purchased a pair of GB 4d. rose used in Jamaica. The stamps are tied by a Foster Type 8 dated Sep 15 1859. The AOl obliterator is Nicholsons Type D. This pair predates Nicholson who states that Type D did not arrive in the colony until 1863. The stamps and markings have been declared genuine by the BWISC.

S.J. Belcher

The Double-Ringed Circular Date Stamps of Kingston Jamaica

The selection of these marks kindly sent to me by Col. Fred F. Seifert over two years ago has already provided considerable information previously unknown to me, as reported in BWISC Bulletin Nos. 126 and 130. Further study of them has produced two more discoveries, for which I once again gratefully acknowledge the help of Col. Seifert.

KDC 8-2 Index 2J Date MY 27 22

This mark has not previously been reported. Although incomplete and somewhat lacking in clarity, I can give an approximation of some of the standard measurements: (see Bulletin No. 101):

A=27.5 8=2.5/2.75, C=16.5, G=2.25, H=2.25.

KDC 12-3 I have five examples, dated 1953 SE 11 and 1954 JA 19, FE 25, AP3 and DE 21, which are all without alpha-index. The mark has not previously been reported in this state; the latest date previously in my collection was AU 26 52 with Index E. While the absence of alpha-index in the striker now reported may be merely accidental omissions, it seems possible, or even likely, that it was deliberately used without index letter in the final stage of its life. DE 21 1954 is a new LDK.

With its early date standing at SE 10 1935, this instrument is one of the longest-serving of the Kingston "double-rings": in its later years, strikes have the appearance of a heavy single ring mark; letters and figures are blotchy and poorly defined. Certainly it had an extremely active life.

Anthony W. Lewarn

ST. LUCIA

Censor Mark

I enclose a photocopy of a cover which I have recently acquired from the Marine Detachment St. Lucia to England on 21st July 1941. This bears a boxed crown censor mark in purple "Passed T.183" similar to type H2 on page 108 of Ritchie's "Roses Handbook" on St. Lucia. It is obviously not a St. Lucia censor mark and has presumably been applied in one of the other West Indian Islands or in England.

Similar boxed crown censor marks are I know known from Grenada, Barbados, Antigua, St. Kitts Nevis & St. Vincent but they all have a different letter or letters and I have not been able to trace any with the letter T. All the other similar marks appeared from 1942 to 1945 and I have not traced any in 1941. I am wondering whether any member of the BWISC would know where the censor mark may have been applied?

A.J. Gardner

ST. VINCENT

<u>£5 Revenue Stamp</u>

While Pierce, Messenger and Lowes' listing of the Revenue stamps is admirably comprehensive, it is not quite complete. The very first issue, locally overprinted in Sept. 1882, is recorded as having two high values, the £1 and £50, both surcharges on the 1881 5/- rose red. I do not recall any report in the Bulletin of a £5 value. I have an unused copy of this denomination, with full original gum, correctly accounted for by two manuscript initials. I would expect that a £25 denomination was also prepared, and maybe a £10.

Charles Freeland

TURKS ISLANDS

USA 18 3/4cents Postage Rate

On an early letter from Grand Turk to Portsmouth in New Hampshire dated 3 July 1835 there is a circular NEW YORK - Ship - July 21 in red together with a manuscript, what I took to be 20c, in red. The reason for this rate intrigued me and readers may be interested in my findings.

Letters brought to the United States by merchant ship, as this one was, were subject to postal charges as laid down by Congress in an Act of 3 March 1825, namely: If delivered at the port 6 Cents per letter, but if going through another post office then 2 cents plus the regular inland postage. This would seem to indicate that the postage from New York to Portsmouth in 1835 was 18c, but was it? An explanation has been kindly sent me by a Member of the American Stamp Club of Great Britain, and I reproduce the substance of it for information and for its interest.

The Act of 1825 also fixed the domestic rate, in this case for a distance of 150 to 400 miles was 18 3/4cents! The mark I took to be the c of cents, which apparently was hardly ever put in writing in such rate markings, was a squiggle which denotes the "3/4".

The Curious 18 3/4 Cents rate was effective for 20 years. Its origin goes back to 1792 when postage was first expressed in Cents on the basis that 12½ Cents was the equivalent of 1 Spanish reale, or piece of eight, at that time equal to one British shilling. Thus the 18 3/4c rate of 1825 was 1½ x 12½c. With 12½c becoming known as a "bit", and to this day 25c is, I believe, known as two bits.

One point was omitted. How did they pay 20 3/4 Cents? Was there a 1/4 Cent coin**,** or was it rounded up to 21 cents for payment? Perhaps one of our American members can supply this final answer.

Michael Wilson

NEWS ROUND UP

IAN CHARD HAS WRITTEN TO THE PRESIDENT AS FOLLOWS:

Dear Victor,

I write to thank you for your letter of the 27th April, in which you advised me that the Annual General Meeting of the British West Indies Study Circle had been kind enough to award me a gift and Honorary Life Membership.

May I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Study Circle most sincerely for their kindness and for the honour which they have bestowed upon me. The Secretaryship was often hard work but always pleasurable. I know that I have made many friends over the years through the Study Circle and I have learned an incredible amount about Philately through my membership than I would otherwise have done. I am also indebted to the Officers and Committee members of the Study Circle under your Chairmanship for the experience of running an organisation as a member of a team in what I hope has been an efficient manner.

For my gift I have chosen to commission a talented young local artist to paint a local scene in watercolours which will hang in my sitting room as a constant reminder of the years of Secretaryship.

Rosemary and I have no regrets at leaving London for the Isle of Skye. We are enjoying making a new life for ourselves in this most beautiful of places. Any member of the Study Circle who is passing through or holidaying in the area is most welcome to drop in for a cuppa "or wee dram" and to see the watercolour.

MICHAEL HAMILTON REPORTS SOME RECENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Members will perhaps be delighted to hear that at a recent London auction (26 July 1988) a set of BWISC Bulletins (Nos.1-l36 housed in 2 blue binders) realised £660 against £40 estimate. During the same sale Grenada SG.1 on worm eaten EL dated JU 05 61 realised £880 (Est £250); St. Vincent SG.4 pair on mourning cover Ex Bessemer realised £1045 (Est £400 - high in my opinion); and Turks SG.1 strip of 4 on rather faulty cover Ex Charlton-Henry, Amundsen, Snowden realised £1760 (Est £300). The last three items all being sold to the trade. Travelling south to Bournemouth (4 Aug 1988) a lovely looking Grenada cover bearing SG.30 strip of 4 and single SG.41 realised £550 (Est £125). If a conclusion must be drawn it would appear that both the collecting and dealing fraternity are desperate to possess classic covers in the build up to London 1990.

In Harmers forthcoming October 13 sale, the star lot is the famous Bermuda "Moncrieff" cover. Last offered by Harmers in the Sir Henry Tucker sale in 1978, the Bermuda 1875 envelope is franked with 1875 1d. on 2d., 1d. on 3d. (two singles and a pair), 1d. on 1/- together with 1865-1900 1d. and 1s addressed to a Mr H.A. Moncrieff in Pall Mall, London. The lot is estimated at £25,000.

DISPLAYS BY MEMBERS TO OTHER SOCIETIES

1988

Wed 28 Sep	7-30pm	Mr P.C. Ford, Trinidad & Tobago to Beds & Dist P.S.
Thu 6 Oct	7-15pm	Mr D. Mitton, Bermuda Mr D. Nathan, British Guiana to Hastings **&** East Sussex P.S.

Mon 28 Nov		Mr J.C. Farmer, Leeward Is. (1810-1956) to Banbury P.S.
Tue 29 Nov		Mr J.C. Farmer, Leeward Is. (1810-1956) To Solihull P.S.

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Tue 14 Feb	7-30pm	Mr R. Swarbrick, Jamaica to Norfolk and Norwich P.S.
Mon 10 Apr	7-30pm	Mr D.W. Atkinson, Jamaica to Hampstead P.S.
Fri 26 May	7-30pm	Rev R.J. Metivier to North Herts P.S.

All BWISC Members are welcome to attend these displays, anyone interested may contact the Hon. Secretary for full details.

Tony Farmer writes that he will be staying at Moreton in the Marsh on Tue 29 Nov and that if anyone in that area (say 30 mile radius) has the time or inclination to talk stamps on the Tuesday morning or afternoon he will be delighted to make himself available.

ADDITIQNS TO THE LIBRARY No. 5

ERRATUM — In Section 11 against Item 11. 7. 1. the date of issue of the Magazine should read "1965" and NOT 1956.

ADDITIONS

Note: The location of each of the following newly acquired items is in accordance with a new location reference necessitated by a complete re-location and re-arrangement of the Library bookshelves. A new cross reference index of Catalogue Number and Location is in preparation end will be available on request to holders of the Library List. Please send an S.A.E. for this if required.

Section 2

A-2 2.3.6 — BAHAMAS - THE LOCALLY OVERPRINTED SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS OF 1916-1917; by M.H. Luddington. (Reprinted from "The Philatelist" Feb/Mar 1966)

Section 6

B-3 6.1.13 — MONTSERRAT - URCH HARRIS COMMONWEALTH CATALOGUE OF QE II POSTAGE STAMPS Urch Harris & Co Ltd; 1st Edition; 1982.

Section 7

8-4 7.1.16 — PHILATELIC BULLETIN (Official magazine of the Post Office) issues:- Vol. 9 No. 10 (June 1972); Vol. 12 Nos. 2, 3, 4 (Oct/Dec 1974), and 6, 7 and 8 (Feb/Apr 1975)

8-4	7.2.6	GEOSIX STUDY PAPER No. 7 - ANTIGUA 1938 DEFINITIVE ISSUES. W.G. Cornell & F.R.Saunders; KG VI Collectors Society; 1975
8-4	7.2.7	GEOSIX STUDY PAPER No. 9 - BERMUDA - THE 1940 PROVISIONAL. F.R. Saunders; KG VI Collectors Society; 1976.

Section 9

A-6	9.2.10	Sale No. 8060 20. 2. 1985
A-6	9.3.19	General Sale 8108 (Good Grenada) Christie's Robson Lowe London 23. 1. 1986.
A-6	9.4.4.4	The Basil B. Benwell. BARBADOS; Harmer's Sale 4443 25. 4. 1985.
A-6	9.4.15.5	JAMAICA - the Collection of an American Philatelist; Sale No. 8107 Christie's Robson Lowe; 22. 1. 1986.
A-6	9.4.30	Sale No. 8101 26.11.1985.
A-6	9.5.1.	Johannesburg 21. 3. 1985 Johannesburg 20. 6. 1985 Johannesburg 31.10. 1985 * Chicago (World Rarities) 27. 5. 1986 Johannesburg 7. 10. 1986 *
A-6	9.5.2.9	Sale No.5610 5/9.7.1982 (includes a wide range of BWI Postal History and Postal Stationery)
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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY - No. 6

1. I am pleased to advise members that the Circle has received from Mrs P Candler, the Executrix of our late Life Member Mrs. Rose Saunders a run of the Circle Bulletins from No. 8 to No. 135 inclusive, together with Bulletins No. 1 to No. 7 in an abridged form. Five of these issues are photocopies.

In addition to the Bulletins we have also received copies of various leaflets which the Circle has published in regard to our Conventions and the display mounted at the Gibbons Gallery in October 1975.

Mrs Candler has also passed to us the contents of Rose's philatelic scrap books. These have worldwide coverage and some hours of work will be needed to extract information of specific interest to the Circle.

This gift, together with other Bulletins acquired should enable a set of clean copies to be available for photocopying purposes as was announced on pages 24 and 44 in Bulletin No. 133 (June 1987)

2. Other items which have been acquired are:

Section 2 - Specific to West Indies (Leeward Islands

A1B 2.14.5 LEEWARD ISLANDS PHILATELY - 1897 SEXAGENARY OVERPRINT AND ITS FORGERIES. J.A.C. Farmer; Author; 1988; ISBN 0 9513303 0 6 (Donated by the author)

Section 5 - Air Mails

B1B 5.5.1 AIR MAILS OF THE WEST INDIES - Supplement No.1 Lockie; BCPSG; c. 1966

Section 7.1 Journa1s & Magazines

Temp.7.l.16 POSTAL HISTORY INTERNATIONAL - Vol 1 Nos. 1 to 12 (1972) & Vol 2 Nos. 1 to 4 (Jan/April 1973 (unbound))

Section 9 - Auction Catalogues (Part 4)

Cayman Islands:
A6A 9.4.12.1 The "REW" collection. Sotheby's (London) 26.3.81

REVIEWS

1. Leeward Islands. Published information on the philately of the Leeward's, whether as a group or for any of its constituent parts, may, at best, be said to be meagre. The monograph produced by Mr Farmer does much to redress this state of affairs. Although his subject matter is concentrated by its nature, Mr Farmer has dealt with it in a most lucid and informative way. At first I was delighted to see really large illustrations (at 4 times linear) but in use they disappointed being rather fuzzy (like a slightly out of focus photograph). But don't let that put you off! The textual matter is perfectly clear and the illustrations are more of an enhancement than an absolute necessity. The specialised collector should certainly obtain a copy. Any philatelist worth his salt will also get one - just in case he changes his interests later in life.

2. Postal History International. I think this publication should be much more widely available than it is. Although its scope is very wide even West Indies collectors are catered for! Well illustrated postal markings of Antigua in Vol 1 No. 2, and a series on the Bahamas in Vol 1 Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 plus a few letters scattered amongst the various issues go to complement other articles of equal interest even though they may not be of one's immediate concern. I hope to find more of these early issues for I believe they will in time become highly valued in terms of cash and content!

3. Air Mails of the West Indies, Dr. Lockie's original dissertation is still the most complete available. The first supplement corrected some errors and added new information but whether there have been any others in the past 24 years I just don't know. Perhaps the knowledgeable ones in our Circle can advise the librarian!

4. Cayman Islands. The auction catalogue now acquired is the only one of real worth for this colony in the library. Nearly every lot (or portions of then) are illustrated, all in full colour, and some of the descriptions provide information that I have not seen or found elsewhere, although to be honest I have not really searched for it. Like some other West Indian colonies there is not much published about Caymans. This catalogue could help those who want to know more.

BOOK REVIEW

"UPU Specimen Stamps" by James Bendon (published privately by Zavallo Litho Ltd., Cyprus).

When Marcus Samuel's "Specimen Stamps of the Crown Colonies" appeared in 1976, first reactions were that this most accurate and comprehensive work was the last work on specimen stamps. Not so! James Bendon has now produced a cross between a catalogue and a handbook which contains a great deal of new information for the specimen collector.

The focus of the two works is somewhat different. Samuel tackles specimens from the angle of the fact of obliteration, listing those colonial stamps with an official defacement, whether prepared for UPU circulation or not. Bendon looks more narrowly at the UPU circulation with and without official defacement and his listing covers foreign as well as colonial countries.

The Bendon book has three sections. The first is a general introduction to the role and history of the UPU. It describes the origins of the UPU's International Bureau, which is responsible for the distribution of specimens to members. There is much interesting historical information in this section as well as a short bibliography. I am particularly pleased that the author draws attention to the various receiving authority handstamps which are occasionally found superimposed on UPU specimens. Samuel discusses these as of no philatelic importance, but in practice they provide confirmatory evidence of the stamps distributed by the UPU. Members will be aware that there are a number of surcharged handstamped provisionals locally produced by BWI countries (of which the Leeward Isles Sexagenary set is the most spectacular) which were sent to the UPU <u>without</u> any specimen obliteration. The only way a collector can demonstrate their origin is to find an example obliterated by a receiving authority.

The second section of the book consists of a priced catalogue of the specimens circulated by the UPU. This checklist at first duplicates Samuel, but it has three important additions. Firstly nearly all the country listings are accompanied by a summary of the early distributions preceding the circulation of specimen overprints, and of any other stamps which were circulated in unobliterated form. Secondly, all major known varieties (eg. double overprints or watermark varieties) are recorded. Thirdly the listing is priced. No big deal, you might think, now that Gibbons Part One prices specimens. However James Bendon is a specialist dealer in this material and there are a number of very interesting insights into the specimen market. In most cases the prices for BWI stamps are a little below Gibbons, but several of those for the G VI definitives are higher. The main discrepancy occurs in the very early De La Rue issues, circulated in very small numbers, where Gibbons prices are too low. I am not going to reveal the stamps to which this applies, but the odds are that you will not have examples of these stamps which Bendon prices at £250 each.

The third section of the book consists of two reference listings. The first, compiled from the circulars issued by the International Bureau, records the precise quantities of specimens required for UPU distribution at all dates between 1878 and 1929, an important guide to scarcity and valuation. The second lists the dates at which countries joined the UPU. The book, 20 pages in all, is compact, well bound and a professional product in every way. The content, both in its literacy and presentation, is first class. This must be due in no small measure to the editing of James Negus, with his lifetime's experience of philatelic publishing. My only disappointment is that there is no coverage of postal stationery. The author states that he had originally hoped that this might be included, but he had been unable to inspect a sufficient number of items known with certainty to have originated from UPU distributions.

All in all, a book which will not only retain its value but which should directly repay its outlay very quickly by judicious use of the information it contains.

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